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February 16, 2016

Ms. Barbara Ray, Coordinator, Hazardous Materials and Chemical Waste Public Safety
University of Rhode Island - Narragansett Bay Campus
215 South Ferry Road
Narragansett, RI 02882

RE: **NOTICE OF VIOLATION** of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of 1984 (HSWA) and State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations Rules and Regulations for Hazardous Waste Management (Rhode Island Rules).

Dear Ms. Ray:

On April 16, 2015, representatives of the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") conducted a RCRA Compliance Evaluation Inspection. The purpose of this inspection was to determine the compliance of University of Rhode Island - Narragansett Bay Campus, EPA ID No. RID980523708, with RI Rules 1.00-17.00 and the federal Hazardous Waste Management Regulations found at 40 CFR Parts 260-272. The State of Rhode Island has been granted final authorization by EPA to administer certain portions of RCRA.

As a result of the inspection noted above, EPA has determined that your facility violated certain provisions of RI Rules 1.00-17.00 and the RCRA regulations, promulgated at 40 CFR Parts 260 through 272. The violations are set forth below:

1. Failure to make adequate waste determinations on "unknowns" in MERL building;
2. Failure to separate possible incompatible wastes in CAC Bldg. - Robinson Lab, Room 311 and Horn Bldg., Room 226;
3. Failure to maintain hazardous waste containers from analyzers closed in MERL Bldg.;
4. Failure to appropriately label containers of hazardous waste aerosols in Maintenance Shop;
5. Failure to document weekly container inspections with complete inspector name;
6. Failure to properly store universal waste lamps in Horn Bldg., Room 4;
7. Failure to properly mark hazardous waste lamps in Horn Bldg., Room 4; and
8. Failure to mark labels on containers of hazardous waste with words describing hazard in Perkins Bldg.

University of Rhode Island - Narragansett Bay Campus must address the requirements set forth above and must immediately begin and continue to operate in compliance with all applicable Federal and State regulations.

Within (30) thirty calendar days of receipt of this NOTICE, submit a written description, with supporting documentation, of the actions taken to address requirements number through number above. Submit the information to:

Donald MacLeod, Environmental Engineer
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Office of Environmental Stewardship (OES05-4)
5 Post Office Square, Suite 100
Boston, Massachusetts 02109-3912

Failure to correct the violations as required by this NOTICE may subject the facility to further Federal enforcement action, including the assessment of penalties, pursuant to Section 3008 of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6928. If you have any questions regarding this NOTICE, please contact Donald MacLeod, of my staff, at 617-918-1405.

Sincerely,

Mary Jane O'Donnell, Manager
RCRA, EPCRA and Federal Facilities

cc: Sean Carney, RIDEM
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